

# Freedmen's Records on FamilySearch.org

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## Indexing efforts are making the records searchable by name.

- Go to [www.discoverfreedmen.org](http://www.discoverfreedmen.org) for more information about the project.
- Become an indexing volunteer. (We can help!)

## You can “Browse” digitized Freedman’s Bureau records *now*.

- “Collection” date range does NOT mean “all records for all years” within that range.
- Digital Collections, like the original records, are as orderly (or messy) as they are “in person.”

### Search [Records]

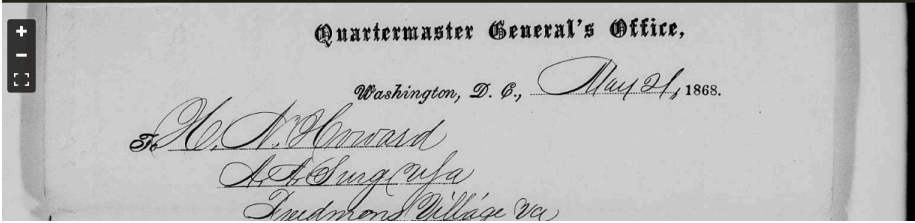
Entering names, dates and places from this screen searches *indexed collections* only.

Un-indexed images can be searched like microfilm, from home or anywhere there is an internet connection.

FamilySearch Indexing projects are often available as “browse only” collections.

### Browse Collections

- Default is alphabetical order. Can be organized by “Last Updated” date.
- To find all Freedman’s Bureau collections, begin typing “Freedmen” in the **Filter by collection name** field.
- Use the same process to search for any location or record type.

<p>RECORDS GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI</p> <h3>Missouri, Freedmen's Bureau Field Office Records, 1865-1872</h3> <p><b>Description</b></p> <p>The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (often called the Freedmen's Bureau) was created in 1865 at the end of the American Civil War to supervise relief efforts including education, health care, food and clothing, refugee camps, legalization of marriages, employment, labor contracts, and securing back pay, bounty payments and pensions. These records include letters and endorsements sent and received, account books, applications for rations, applications for relief, court records, labor contracts, registers of bounty claimants, registers of complaints, registers of contracts, registers of disbursements, registers of freedmen issued rations, registers of patients, reports, rosters of officers and employees, special and general orders and circulars received, special orders and circulars issued, records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads. This collection corresponds with NARA microfilm publication M1908, Records of the Field Offices for the State of Missouri, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more »</a></p> <p>VIEW IMAGES IN THIS COLLECTION</p> <p><a href="#">Browse through 24,504 images</a></p> <p>CITING THIS COLLECTION</p> <p>"Missouri, Freedmen's Bureau Field Office Records, 1865-1872." Images. <i>FamilySearch</i>. <a href="http://FamilySearch.org">http://FamilySearch.org</a> : accessed 2015. Citing NARA microfilm publication M1908. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.</p>	<h3>Collection Description</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read a basic description of what each collection contains.</li> <li>• Click on "Learn more" to read a wiki article with more detailed info.</li> <li>• Click "Browse through [number] images" to see records.</li> </ul>
<p>RECORDS GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI</p> <h3>Kentucky, Freedmen's Bureau Office Records, 1865-1872</h3> <p>Freedmen's Bureau Office or Subordinate Field Office Location</p> <p><a href="#">A descriptive pamphlet</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the assistant commissioner (correspondence)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the assistant commissioner (other records)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Offices of staff officers (chief medical officer)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Augusta (superintendent-Bracken county)</a></p> <p><a href="#">List of book records</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the assistant commissioner (issuances)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Office of the assistant commissioner (reports)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Offices of staff officers (disbursing officer)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Bowling green (chief subassistant commissioner)</a></p>	<h3>Waypoints</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divide "film" into logical segments.</li> <li>• There may be several levels of Waypoints in a single collection.</li> </ul>
<p>RECORDS GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI</p> <h3>Tennessee, Freedmen's Bureau Office Records, 1865-1872</h3> <p>Freedmen's Bureau Office or Subordinate Field Office Location</p> <p><a href="#">A descriptive pamphlet</a></p> <p><a href="#">Chief Medical Officer</a></p> <p><a href="#">Assistant Commissioner</a></p> <p><a href="#">Chief Quartermaster and Disbursing Officer</a></p>	<h3>Descriptive Pamphlet</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First item in each Freedman's collection.</li> <li>• Explains what each collection includes.</li> </ul>
<p>RECORDS GENEALOGIES CATALOG BOOKS WIKI</p> <p>District of Columbia, Freedmen's Bureau Office Records, 1863-1872 &gt; <a href="#">Freedmen's Village</a> &gt; Roll 20, Letters received... Dec 26, 1864-Dec 9, 1868 &gt; <a href="#">Image 432</a> of 554</p> 	<h3>Navigation</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use arrows to move forward and backward, one image at a time.</li> <li>• Type a number to jump multiple images forward or backward.</li> </ul>
<p>District of Columbia, Freedmen's Bureau Office Records, 1863-1872 &gt; <a href="#">Freedmen's Village</a> &gt; Roll 20, Letters received... Dec 26, 1864-Dec 9, 1868 &gt; <a href="#">Image 432</a> of 554</p> <p><a href="#">Print</a>   <a href="#">Download</a>   <a href="#">Tools</a></p> 	<h3>Image Options</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use <b>Tools</b> to Invert, rotate, adjust contrast; + to enlarge.</li> <li>• <b>Download</b> .jpg file.</li> <li>• Save to "Sources", attach to a person profile* in Family Tree.</li> </ul>

\* Requires FamilySearch.org account (free).

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